

BY MR. PALZER:

Q Well, now, Mr. Mellinger, what is your address? A. 31 Chatham Road, Stonehurst, Deleware County, Pennsylvania, but I claim residence in New Jersey. You can make me testify as a witness.

Q Mr. Mellinger, I represent the attorneys for the defense in this Hall-Mills case and am here to ask you for a voluntary statement. If you do not care to give it to me, it is perfectly all right. We cannot compel you to do so. Anything you say, of course, is of your own volition.

A I understand that, yes.

Q What we are anxious to obtain from you is your recollection of the events of September 14, 1922, in so far as they concern Mr. Henry Stevens, who is a close neighbor of yours. Now, would you care to make just a statement as you recall it? A. I will give you verbatim as near as I can as I swore to for Simpson over in Toms River. Don't put this down. But I will tell you as an attorney, I was mistaken in the day. I said Friday. I thought that the 14th was Friday and it was Thursday. Why I was confused in that, that don't enter into it, but this fellow, but this fellow McGonigal met my wife and I coming to the train. Then, they took me to Toms River and swore me as to my knowledge in the case and he said, he declared it was Friday. That